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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES RECEIVED
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Sir:

In response to the communication of December 4, 2001, Applicants submit the following:

- Copy of Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications
   Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- 2. Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance With 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825;
- 3. Paper copy of the sequence listing; and
- 4. Electronic copy of the sequence listing on diskette.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. <u>50-0622</u>. If a fee is required for an

extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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In connection with a Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

- 1. the submission, filed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), does not include new matter;
- 2. the content of the attached paper copy and the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same; and
- 3. all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE, AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Applicant must file the items indicated below within the time period set the Office action to which the Notice is attached to avoid abandonment under 35 U.S.C. § 133 (extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)).

The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

X	attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998).
	2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
	3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
	4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing."
X	5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A Substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
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Applicant Must Provide:	
X	An initial or <u>substitute</u> computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing".
X	An initial or <u>substitute</u> paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.
•	A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same ar.u, where applicable, include no new matter, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e) or 1.821(f) or 1.821(g) or 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).
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